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Selectmen Minutes 12-04-2000

Monday, December 4, 2000

7:15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Greeley - Chair, Mr. Lyons - Vice Chair, Mrs. Dias, Mr. Hurd, Mrs. Mahon

Also Present: Mr. Farrington, Mr. Maher, Ms. Cove

FOR APPROVAL

Minutes of Meeting: October 30, 2000, November 20, 2000

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED

APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

Appointment - Cyrus E. Dallin Board of Trustees

Geraldine Ricci (term to expire 11/03)

Ms. Ricci, 196 Park Avenue, was introduced to the Board by David Formanek, Vice Chairman of the Cyrus Dallin Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED

Reappointment – Board of Library Trustees

Patricia Deal, Chairman, present (term to expire 12/5/03)

Joyce Radochia, Vice Chair, present (term to expire 12/5/01)

Barbara Muldoon, First Trust Liaison (term to expire 12/5/02)

David Castiglioni (term to expire 12/5/03)

Ms. Deal and Ms. Radochia thanked the Board for their reappointment.

Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED

Request for Proclamation – Falun Dafa Week in Massachusetts

Jason Pomerleau

Mrs. Dias inquired as to what the difficulties are with this organization and the Chinese government. Mr. Pomerleau explained that the group is strictly non political and non religious and in his opinion there is really no reason why the Chinese government should feel threatened by the organization, as it is purely recreational. Mr. Lyons moved to proclaim December 11th as Falun Dafa day in Arlington.

4-0-1 (Mrs. Dias abstained) SO VOTED

LICENSES & PERMITS

Request for One Day All Alcoholic License

Retired Men's Club of Arlington, 12/31/00 at St. Camillus Parish Hall

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED

Request for Pro-Rating of Wine & Malt Beverages Only License Fee

Restaurant Blue Basil Inc. d/b/a Blue Basil, Sasikarn Lerttrongjit Franklin, Pres., 92 Summer St.

Mr. Lyons moved approval of reducing the license fee to \$600 as the establishment had only been given approval by the state for the license in November. SO VOTED

For Discussion: Appointment of Town Manager to MWRA Advisory Board

Mr. Lyons moved to appoint Mr. Farrington to serve at the Town's representative. SO VOTED

Setting of Tax Rate and MWRA Debt Shift

Continuation of Hearing

Assessors Kevin Feeley and Jim Doherty were present. Robert Greeley, Director of Assessments was also present. Mr. Lyons moved that the Town set a residential factor of 1. SO VOTED

Mr. Lyons moved approval of the shifting \$3,677,690 of MWRA debt service to the tax assessment. SO VOTED

7:30 p.m. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

Any matter presented for consideration of the Board shall neither be acted upon, nor a decision made the night of the presentation in accordance with the policy under which the Open Forum was established.

No one was present to speak under citizen's open forum.

Meeting Schedule/Setting of Annual Town Election Date

Mr. Hurd moved approval of the schedule as presented. SO VOTED

Mr. Hurd moved that the Annual Town Election Date be set for Saturday, March 31, 2001.

4-0-1 (Mr. Greeley abstained) SO VOTED

Correspondence Received

Geoffrey Beckwith Letter of congratulations for placing 1st in MMA's 1999 Be Rec'd
MMA Annual Town Report contest
Mr. Lyons acknowledged the staff of the Manager's Office on their hard work on this project.

Greg Cooper Availability of draft Material Separation Plan for review Be Rec'd
DEP
Bureau of Waste
Prevention

Jeffrey Stulin New date for method-of-assessment meet Be Rec'd
School Committee
Chairman
Minuteman

Thomas Markham Notes of the meeting Regional Meeting of District Finance Be Rec'd
Minuteman Regional Committee and Boards of Selectmen 11/13/00
High School

Ron Fitzgerald Alternative Assessment Systems Be Rec'd

Superintendent

John F. Maher Livery Licenses Be Rec'd
Town Counsel

Additional Correspondence

Franca Ainsworth Parking in North Union St. Area Be Rec'd
35 North Union St.
Mr. Hurd moved to refer this matter to the Police Chief. SO VOTED

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of correspondence.

New Business

Mr. Greeley requested that the Manager please look into a request from residents requesting 4 way stop signs at Florence and Rhinecliff Streets and Florence and Oakland Streets.

Mr. Greeley also requested the Manager please investigate a handicapped parking sign on Florence Avenue that appears to not have been issued by the Town.

Mr. Greeley also asked the Manager to investigate the feasibility of installing sidewalks in the Dallin School area. He further requested that if the sidewalks are already scheduled for construction could they be moved up on the list.

Mr. Maher requested that the Board set aside a time to meet with the School Committee in Executive Session to discuss Peirce Field.

Mr. Greeley expressed his enthusiasm for Mr. Farrington's weekly reports. The rest of the Board concurred.

Mrs. Mahon mentioned that she would pass along a copy of the vote to form the Maintenance Committee to the Town Manager. She inquired about the possibility of getting holiday lighting for East Arlington; Mr. Hurd responded that funds from Feast of the East have been volunteered and that he has been in contact with the wire inspector about getting the appropriate conduit in place for the 2001 Holiday Season. She also mentioned that the Arlington Youth Development Group would be sponsoring a youth sports forum in conjunction with the Arlington Recreation Department. The group is also investigating the possibility of sponsoring six defibrillators at various locations in Arlington. She also informed the Board of recent meetings that she and Mrs. Dias attended regarding the construction of a detention pond by the City of Cambridge for Storm Water and Sewer Separation Purposes.

Mrs. Mahon exited the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Mr. Hurd reported on the progress of discussions between the City of Cambridge and MDC regarding the modification of the Henderson Street Bridge. He also mentioned that "no heavy trucking" signs had gone up in the Silk Street area. He informed the Board of a recent utility pole meeting and mentioned that Millennium Charity Ball Tickets are available for New Year's Eve.

Mr. Lyons informed the Board of the discussions held at the Budget and Revenue Task Force meeting earlier that evening and expressed his desire to support the Police Department in the upcoming Fiscal Year. He also commented on the Minuteman Regional Vocational School material under Correspondence Received.

Mrs. Dias asked the Manager to please investigate why the Town crosswalks are so faded and what the possibility is of having them repainted before it is too cold. She commented that while the Police Study findings are very important, it is not reasonable to expect that all the changes can be implemented. Mr. Greeley commented that the Police Chief and Manager are prioritizing their requests and will soon be appearing before the Board with those requests.

Mr. Lyons expressed his opinion that even with the increase in construction costs the quality of the Town's school construction projects should not be compromised. Mrs. Dias moved to send a letter to the Permanent Town Building Committee offering the Board's assistance to ensure that the other schools to be constructed meet or exceed the standard of the Brackett School; she further moved to invite the Committee to appear before the Board to discuss various strategies to ensure the integrity and goals of the school rebuild program.

4-0 SO VOTED

Mr. Greeley commented that he would like to see the Budget and Revenue Task force meet regularly to recommend financial priorities for the Town.

Executive Session

Mr. Lyons moved to convene in executive session to discuss contract negotiations for non union personnel and that the Board would reconvene in open session for the sole purpose of adjournment.

9:15 p.m.

On Mr. Lyons motion:

Mr. Greeley: yes

Mr. Lyons: yes

Mrs. Dias: yes

Mr. Hurd: yes

The Board returned to open session at 9:22 p.m.

Mr. Lyons moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m. 4-0 SO VOTED

A true record.

Attest:

Caryn E. Cove

Board Administrator